

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

July 27, 2025

Robert Sparks, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“I Must Tell Jesus”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

All: We come to this place to hear the words of peace, of hope, and of joy God speaks to us.

One: It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

All: We come to this place to find the One who has been looking for us.

One: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

All: We come to this place to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy One, although we come to church on Sundays, we too often live the rest of the week as though you don’t exist. We act as though we created ourselves, with no connection to you, with no hope of transcendence. Open us to your constant presence, Holy One. Teach us to pray, and restore our sight, that we may commune with you each day in the light of eternity. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Go Now in Peace”

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news! When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God.

All: By that power, we are made clean and set free to live in gratitude and love with zeal. Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

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We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading

Sermon

*Hymn

Psalm 138

“A Prayer of Need”

Soloist, Shelia Koza

Luke 11:1-13

“Ask, Search, Knock”

“Seek Ye First”

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We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

(The offering plate is not passed, but is located on a stand outside the sanctuary doors.)

Offertory

“In the Garden”

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“What a friend We Have in Jesus”

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*Blessing of Departing Member Linda Webster

All: Faithful God keep, preserve, and protect Linda throughout all her days. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make her salt of the earth and light for the world. Lead her to new ministries, secure in faith that binds us forever in the body of Christ. Amen.

*Postlude

“For Thine Is the Kingdom”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

The flowers in the sanctuary were placed by Donald and Jan Foster in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Calendar of Events:

Thurs., Aug. 7	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Mon., Aug 11	HAD Lunch

On August 5, CATS will journey south to Jasper, Alabama to tour First Methodist church known as “A White Marble Church”. After touring the church, they will eat lunch at Victoria’s, a meat and three buffet. To sign up for the trip, text CATS2025 to 256-804-0363 or scan the QR code.



Live Streams and recordings of each week’s worship service are available on our YouTube channel. For more information, visit us at www.standrewdecaturn.org



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Scripture Reading, Robert Sparks: Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I

cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”